

**PE Services  
Application for Certification**

**REVISED ATTACHMENT B**

**PROOF OF NOTIFICATIONS ON INTENT TO SERVE**



July 10, 2002

Katherine A. Donofrio  
Designated Agent  
North Shore Gas Company  
3001 West Grand Avenue  
Waukegan, IL 60085

Re: Proof of Notice of Intent to Serve Residential Natural Gas Customers Pursuant to  
Section 19-110 of the Public Utilities Act and 83 Ill. Adm. Code Part 551  
EMERGENCY

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Dear Ms. Donofrio:

Pursuant to the above-referenced provision, Peoples Energy Services Corporation ("PE Services") hereby submits notice of its intention to provide natural gas service in North Shore Gas Company's ("North Shore") service territory under its "Choices for You" program.

This correspondence serves as official notification that PE Services may, at some point in time provide, or is currently providing, service to customers in North Shore's service area and will apply for certification as an Alternative Gas Supplier from the Illinois Commerce Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wendy Ito".

Wendy Ito  
Director of Business Planning and Development



July 10, 2002

Katherine A. Donofrio  
Designated Agent  
The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company  
130 East Randolph Drive  
23<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Chicago, IL 60601

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Section 19-110 of the Public Utilities Act and 83 Ill. Adm. Code Part 551  
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Dear Ms. Donofrio:

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Sincerely,

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Wendy Ito  
Director of Business Planning and Development



July 10, 2002

Kathleen L. Halloran  
Designated Agent  
Northern Illinois Gas Company  
d/b/a NICOR Gas Company  
P.O. Box 190  
Aurora, IL 60507-0190

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Dear Ms. Halloran:

Pursuant to the above-referenced provision, Peoples Energy Services Corporation ("PE Services") hereby submits notice of its intention to provide natural gas service in Northern Illinois Gas Company d/b/a NICOR Gas Company's service territory under its "Customer Select" program.

This correspondence serves as official notification that PE Services may, at some point in time provide, or is currently providing, service to customers in NICOR Gas' service area and will apply for certification as an Alternative Gas Supplier from the Illinois Commerce Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wendy Ito".

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Director of Business Planning and Development

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**REVISED ATTACHMENT D**

**SURETY BOND**

# POWER OF ATTORNEY APPOINTING INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

Know All Men By These Presents, That CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, an Illinois corporation, NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, a Connecticut corporation, AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA, a Pennsylvania corporation (herein collectively called "the CCC Surety Companies"), are duly organized and existing corporations having their principal offices in the City of Chicago, and State of Illinois, and that they do by virtue of the signature and seals herein affixed hereby make, constitute and appoint Ralph E. Nosal, Katherine J. Sbarboro, C. R. Hernandez, Debra R. Keebler, Theodore C. Sevier, Jr., Sandra Nowakowski, Individually

of Chicago, Illinois

their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact with full power and authority hereby conferred to sign, seal and execute for and on their behalf bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of similar nature

- In Unlimited Amounts -

and to bind them thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such instruments were signed by a duly authorized officer of their corporations and all the acts of said Attorney, pursuant to the authority hereby given are hereby ratified and confirmed.

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the By-Laws and Resolutions, printed on the reverse hereof, duly adopted, as indicated, by the Boards of Directors of the corporations.

In Witness Whereof, the CCC Surety Companies have caused these presents to be signed by their Group Vice President and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed on this 5th day of May, 1999



CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY  
NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD  
AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA

*Marvin J. Cashion*

Marvin J. Cashion

Group Vice President

State of Illinois, County of Cook, ss:

On this 5th day of May, 1999, before me personally came Marvin J. Cashion, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the City of Chicago, State of Illinois; that he is a Group Vice President of CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, and AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seals of said corporations; that the seals affixed to the said instrument are such corporate seals; that they were so affixed pursuant to authority given by the Boards of Directors of said corporations and that he signed his name thereto pursuant to like authority, and acknowledges same to be the act and deed of said corporations.



My Commission Expires March 6, 2000

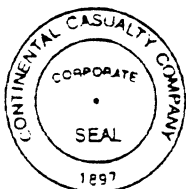
*Mary Jo Abel*

Mary Jo Abel

Notary Public

## CERTIFICATE

I, Mary A. Ribikawskis, Assistant Secretary of CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, and AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA do hereby certify that the Power of Attorney herein above set forth is still in force, and further certify that the By-Law and Resolution of the Board of Directors of each corporation printed on the reverse hereof are still in force, in testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seals of the said corporations this 18th day of August, 1999



CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY  
NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD  
AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA

*Mary A. Ribikawskis*

Mary A. Ribikawskis

Assistant Secretary

## Authorizing By-Laws and Resolutions

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY:

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following By-Law duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company.

### "Article IX—Execution of Documents

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This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company at a meeting duly called and held on the 17th day of February, 1993.

"Resolved, that the signature of the President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile on any power of attorney granted pursuant to Section 3 of Article IX of the By-Laws, and the signature of the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any certificate of any such power and any power or certificate bearing such facsimile signature and seal shall be valid and binding on the Company. Any such power so executed and sealed and certified by certificate so executed and sealed shall, with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached, continue to be valid and binding on the Company."

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA:

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following By-Law duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company.

### "Article VI—Execution of Obligations and Appointment of Attorney-in-Fact

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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD:

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following Resolution duly adopted on February 17, 1993 by the Board of Directors of the Company.

"RESOLVED: That the President, an Executive Vice President, or any Senior or Group Vice President of the Corporation may, from time to time, appoint, by written certificates, Attorneys-in-Fact to act in behalf of the Corporation in the execution of policies of insurance, bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of like nature. Such Attorney-in-Fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective certificates of authority, shall have full power to bind the Corporation by their signature and execution of any such instrument and to attach the seal of the Corporation thereto. The President, an Executive Vice President, any Senior or Group Vice President or the Board of Directors may at any time revoke all power and authority previously given to any Attorney-in-Fact."

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**LICENSE OR PERMIT BOND**

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS. That we, Peoples Energy Services Corporation  
As Principal, and the Continental Casualty Company an Illinois corporation, as Surety, are held and firmly  
bound unto People of the State of Illinois, Illinois Commerce Commission, 527 E. Capitol Avenue,  
Springfield, IL 62701 as Oblige, in the sum of Three  
Hundred Thousand and 00/100 -----  
----- Dollars (\$300,000.00) for which sum, well and  
truly to be paid, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administration, successors, and assigns, jointly and  
severally, firmly by these presents.

Signed and sealed this 18th day of August, 1999.

THE CONDITIONS OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That WHEREAS, the Principal has been or is  
about to be granted a license or permit to do business as to operate as an ARES (Alternative Retail Electric  
Suppliers) under Section 451.320 under subpart D and A by the Oblige.

NOW, Therefore, if the Principal fully and faithfully perform all duties and obligations of the Principal as  
an ARES, then this obligation to be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

**PROVIDED, HOWEVER:**

1. This bond shall continue in force until canceled as herein provided.
2. This bond may be canceled by the Surety by the sending of notice in writing to the Oblige, stating  
when, not less than thirty days thereafter, liability hereunder shall terminate as to subsequent acts or  
omissions of the Principal.

Peoples Energy Services Corporation  
Principal

By 

Continental Casualty Company  
Surety

By 

Sandra Nowakowski, Attorney-In-Fact



STATE OF ILLINOIS

} ss.

County of COOK

I, Barbara R. Maltese, Notary Public of Cook County, in the State of IL do hereby certify that Sandra Nowakowski Attorney-in-fact. of the CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD or AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA, who is personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered said instrument, for and on behalf of the CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD or AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and notarial seal at my office in the city of Chicago in said County, this 18th day of August A.D. 1999.

Barbara R. Maltese  
Notary Public in the State of Illinois  
County of Cook



SURETY RIDER

To be attached to and form a part of

Bond No. **929106687**

Type of

Bond: License or Permit Bond

dated

effective 08/18/1999  
(MONTH-DAY-YEAR)

executed by Peoples Energy Services Corporation  
(PRINCIPAL)

,as Principal,

and by Continental Casualty Company

,as Surety,

in favor of Peoples of the State of Illinois, Illinois Commerce Commission  
(OBLIGEE)

in consideration of the mutual agreements herein contained the Principal and the Surety hereby consent to changing

Paragraphs 3 and 4 are replaced by the following:

#3 THE CONDITIONS OF THIS OBLIGATION ARE SUCH THAT, WHEREAS, the Principal has been granted a license or permit to do business to operate as an ARES (Alternative Retail Electric Supplier) under Article 16 of the Illinois Public Utilities Act, 220 ILCS 5/16-101, et seq. ("Act"), and 83 Ill. Adm. Code Part 451 and has or will be granted a license or permit to do business to operate as an AGS (Alternative Gas Supplier) under Article 19 of the Act and 83 Ill. Adm. Code Part 551 by the Obligee,

#4 NOW, THEREFORE, if the Principal fully and faithfully performs all duties and obligations of the Principal as an ARES and AGS, then this obligation to be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any provision or condition of this bond except as herein expressly stated.

This rider

is effective 07/30/2002  
(MONTH-DAY-YEAR)

Signed and Sealed 07/30/2002  
(MONTH-DAY-YEAR)

Peoples Energy Services Corporation  
(PRINCIPAL)

By:

(PRINCIPAL)

Continental Casualty Company

(SURETY)

By:

(ATTORNEY-IN-FACT) Sandra Nowakowski

# POWER OF ATTORNEY APPOINTING INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

Know All Men By These Presents, That Continental Casualty Company, National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, and American Casualty Company of Reading, Pennsylvania (herein called "the CNA Companies"), are duly organized and existing corporations having their principal offices in the City of Chicago, and State of Illinois, and that they do by virtue of the signatures and seals herein affixed hereby make, constitute and appoint

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their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact with full power and authority hereby conferred to sign, seal and execute for and on their behalf bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of similar nature

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In Witness Whereof, the CNA Companies have caused these presents to be signed by their Vice President and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed on this 14th day of June, 2001.



Continental Casualty Company  
National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford  
American Casualty Company of Reading, Pennsylvania

*Michael Gengler*

Michael Gengler

Group Vice President

State of Illinois, County of Cook, ss:

On this 14th day of June, 2001, before me personally came Michael Gengler to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the City of Chicago, State of Illinois; that he is a Group Vice President of Continental Casualty Company, National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, and American Casualty Company of Reading, Pennsylvania described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seals of said corporations; that the seals affixed to the said instrument are such corporate seals; that they were so affixed pursuant to authority given by the Boards of Directors of said corporations and that he signed his name thereto pursuant to like authority, and acknowledges same to be the act and deed of said corporations.



My Commission Expires September 17, 2001

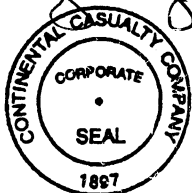
*Diane Faulkner*

Diane Faulkner

Notary Public

## CERTIFICATE

I, Mary A. Ribikawskis, Assistant Secretary of Continental Casualty Company, National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, and American Casualty Company of Reading, Pennsylvania do hereby certify that the Power of Attorney herein above set forth is still in force, and further certify that the By-Law and Resolution of the Board of Directors of the corporations printed on the reverse hereof is still in force. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the said corporations this 30th day of



Continental Casualty Company  
National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford  
American Casualty Company of Reading, Pennsylvania

*Mary A. Ribikawskis*

Mary A. Ribikawskis

Assistant Secretary

## Authorizing By-Laws and Resolutions

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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
COUNTY OF COOK

I, AnneMarie Bellavia, a Notary Public in and for said County do hereby certify  
that Sandra Nowakowski Attorney-in-Fact, of these:

<b>Continental Casualty Company</b>	<b>An Illinois Corporation</b>
<b>American Casualty Company of Reading Pennsylvania</b>	<b>A Pennsylvania Corporation</b>
<b>National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford</b>	<b>A Connecticut Corporation</b>

who is personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the  
foregoing instrument appeared before me this day in person, and, acknowledged that they  
signed, sealed, and delivered said instrument for and on behalf of:

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for the uses and purposed therein set forth.

Given under my hand and notarial seal at my office in the City of Chicago in said County,  
this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July A.D. 2002

AnneMarie Bellavia  
Notary Public



## INCREASE RIDER

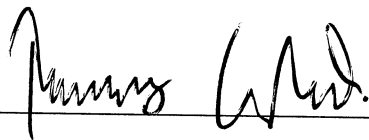
To be attached to and form a part of Bond Number 929106687  
issued by Continental Casualty Company  
on behalf of Peoples Energy Services Corporation  
as Principal in favor of Peoples of the State of Illinois, Illinois Commerce Commission  
as Oblige, effective August 18 1999

IT IS HEREBY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED, that,

The penal sum of this bond is increased from Three Hundred Thousand and 00/100 -----  
----- Dollars (\$ 300,000.00 . )  
to Four Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 -----  
Dollars (\$ 450,000.00 ) effective the 18th day of August , 2002 .

Peoples Energy Services Corporation

Principal

By 

Continental Casualty Company

Surety

By   
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*Diane Faulkner*

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This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company at a meeting duly called and held on the 17th day of February, 1993.

"Resolved, that the signature of the President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile on any power of attorney granted pursuant to Section 3 of Article IX of the By-Laws, and the signature of the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any certificate of any such power and any power or certificate bearing such facsimile signature and seal shall be valid and binding on the Company. Any such power so executed and sealed and certified by certificate so executed and sealed shall, with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached, continue to be valid and binding on the Company."

### **ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA:**

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following By-Law duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company.

#### **"Article VI—Execution of Obligations and Appointment of Attorney-in-Fact**

Section 2. Appointment of Attorney-in-fact. The Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President may, from time to time, appoint by written certificates attorneys-in-fact to act in behalf of the Company in the execution of policies of insurance, bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of like nature. Such attorneys-in-fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective certificates of authority, shall have full power to bind the Company by their signature and execution of any such instruments and to attach the seal of the Company thereto. The President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President may at any time revoke all power and authority previously given to any attorney-in-fact."

This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company at a meeting duly called and held on the 17th day of February, 1993.

"Resolved, that the signature of the President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile on any power of attorney granted pursuant to Section 2 of Article VI of the By-Laws, and the signature of the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any certificate of any such power and any power or certificate bearing such facsimile signature and seal shall be valid and binding on the Company. Any such power so executed and sealed and certified by certificate so executed and sealed shall, with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached, continue to be valid and binding on the Company."

### **ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD:**

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following Resolution duly adopted on February 17, 1993 by the Board of Directors of the Company.

"RESOLVED: That the President, an Executive Vice President, or any Senior or Group Vice President of the Corporation may, from time to time, appoint, by written certificates, Attorneys-in-Fact to act in behalf of the Corporation in the execution of policies of insurance, bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of like nature. Such Attorney-in-Fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective certificates of authority, shall have full power to bind the Corporation by their signature and execution of any such instrument and to attach the seal of the Corporation thereto. The President, an Executive Vice President, any Senior or Group Vice President or the Board of Directors may at any time revoke all power and authority previously given to any Attorney-in-Fact."

This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company at a meeting duly called and held on the 17th day of February, 1993.

"RESOLVED: That the signature of the President, an Executive Vice President or any Senior or Group Vice President and the seal of the Corporation may be affixed by facsimile on any power of attorney granted pursuant to the Resolution adopted by this Board of Directors on February 17, 1993 and the signature of a Secretary or an Assistant Secretary and the seal of the Corporation may be affixed by facsimile to any certificate of any such power, and any power or certificate bearing such facsimile signature and seal shall be valid and binding on the Corporation. Any such power so executed and sealed and certified by certificate so executed and sealed, shall with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached, continue to be valid and binding on the Corporation."



STATE OF ILLINOIS  
COUNTY OF COOK

I, Barbara R. Maltese, a Notary Public in and for said County do hereby certify  
that Sandra Nowakowski Attorney-in-Fact, of these:

<b>Continental Casualty Company</b>	<b>An Illinois Corporation</b>
<b>American Casualty Company of Reading Pennsylvania</b>	<b>A Pennsylvania Corporation</b>
<b>National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford</b>	<b>A Connecticut Corporation</b>

who is personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the  
foregoing instrument appeared before me this day in person, and, acknowledged that they  
signed, sealed, and delivered said instrument for and on behalf of:

<b>Continental Casualty Company</b>	<b>An Illinois Corporation</b>
<b>American Casualty Company of Reading Pennsylvania</b>	<b>A Pennsylvania Corporation</b>
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for the uses and purposed therein set forth.

Given under my hand and notarial seal at my office in the City of Chicago in said County,  
this 18th day of August A.D. 2002

Barbara R. Maltese

Notary Public

